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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR and RD Department – Allegations of irregularities in execution of work "Providing internal roads with CC drains in SC.ST colonies Kondawada Panchayat limits in G.L. Puram Madnal (at Kurasangi village) under MGNREGS - Charges framed against **Sri V. Venkata Rao, former Deputy Executive Engineer, PIUSD, Parvathipuram and Executive Engineer (FAC), PRI Division, Parvathipuram (now Retired)** - Inquiry conducted – Charges are held not proved – Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.108 **Dated.17.03.2023.**

Read the following:

1. From the ENC,PR, Letter No. Vig. I (1)/1001/2015, dated: 04.08.2015.
2. G.O.Rt.No.682, PR&RD (Vig. I) Department, Dt: 05.06.2018.
3. From the ENC,PR, Letter No. Vig. I (1)/1001/2015, dated: 23.11.2018.
4. G.O.Rt.No. 419, PR&RD (Vig.I) Department, Dt.13.06.2019.
5. G.O.Rt.No. 420, PR&RD (Vig.I) Department, Dt.13.06.2019.
6. From the ENC,PR and Inquiry Officer, Letter NO. ENC (PR)/1001/Enquiry Report/2015, dated: 24.03.2021.
7. Govt. Memo No. 12564/Vig. I/2015-11, PR&RD (Vig.I) Department, Dt: 13.04.2022.
8. From the ENC,PR, Letter No. Vig. I (1)/ 1001/2015, dated: 22.06.2022.

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ORDER:

Based on the recommendations of the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P made in the reference 1st read above relating to certain allegation of irregularities in execution of works under MGNREGS, Government vide reference 2nd read above, have initiated disciplinary proceedings duly framing following article of charge against **Sri V. Venkata Rao, former Deputy Executive Engineer,** PIUSD, Parvathipuram and Executive Engineer (FAC), PRI Division, Parvathipuram under Rule 20 of above said Rules, with a direction to submit his written statement of defence :

Charge-

That **Sri V.Venkata Rao**, former Deputy Executive Engineer, PIUSD, Parvathipuram, **& Executive Engineer (FAC)**, PRI Division, Parvathipuram, during his tenure as Executive Engineer, Parvathipuram, executed providing internal roads with CC drains in SC/ST colonies Kondawada Panchayati limits in GL Puram Mandal (at Kurasangi Village), under MGNREGS during 2012-13 and committed certain irregularities like (i) deficiency in thickness of CC pavement in Bit.1 & Bit. 2 is more than 20% and rejected. He is responsible for misappropriation of Government funds to a tune of amount of Rs.3,73,002/-.

(P.T.O)

By above mentioned act, **Sri V. Venkata Rao**, former Dy.EE, PIUSD, Parvathipuram and E.E (FAC), PRI Division, Parvathiuram failed to discharge his duties, lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government servant & thereby contravened Rules, 3 (1) and 3 (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, the ENC,PR among others, has furnished dated acknowledgment copy regarding service of charges on the charged officer **Sri V. Venkata Rao, Deputy Executive Engineer, PIU, Anakapalli** on 15.11.2018. But the charged officer has not submitted his written statement of defence.

3. Government after examination, have decided to conduct regular inquiry against the charged officer **Sri V. Venkata Rao, Deputy Executive Engineer (PR)** including against ten (10) other co-charged officers involved in the case. Accordingly, in the reference 4th read above, Government appointed the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P, Vijayawada as the Inquiry Authority under Rule 20 (2) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 to inquire into the charges framed against all the charged officers in the matter. The Chief Engineer, NABARD has been appointed as Presenting Officer under Rule 20 (5)(c) of above said rules to present the case before the Inquiry Authority on behalf of the disciplinary authority in the matter, vide reference 5th read above.

4. In the reference 6th read above, the Engineer-in –Chief, PR and Inquiry Authority has furnished inquiry report dt: 24.03.2021 wherein the Inquiry Authority among others, has held that as per re-inspection report of the Executive Engineer, Vig. & QC, Srikakulam dated 01.06.2020, the deficiencies are within permissible limits and arrived the total recovery of Rs. 1,08,107/- (as against the previous recovery of Rs. 3,73,002/-) and the same has been remitted and no financial loss. The Inquiry Authority has held that Charges against the charged officer **Sri V. Venkata Rao**, former Dy.EE, PIUSD, Parvathipuram and E.E (FAC), PRI Division, Parvathiuram is not held proved.

5. In the reference 7th read above, , Government, among others, have communicated a copy of the inquiry report to the charged officer **Sri V. Venkata Rao**, former Dy.EE, PIUSD, Parvathipuram and E.E (FAC), PRI Division, Parvathiuram as per Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 for his representation if any on the findings of the Inquiry Officer.

6. In the reference 8th read above, the ENC, PR, AP, Vijayawada has forwarded the representation dt:31.5.2022 of the charged officer **Sri V. Venkata Rao**, former Dy.EE, PIUSD, Parvathipuram and E.E (FAC), PRI Division, Parvathiuram and retired as Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, Sabbavaram, wherein the charged officer has requested to accept the findings of Inquiry Authority and to drop charges against him.

7. Government after careful examination of the matter, have decided and accordingly hereby drop further action against **Sri V. Venkata Rao**, former Dy.EE, PIUSD, Parvathipuram and E.E (FAC), PRI Division, Parvathiuram and retired as Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, Sabbavaram in the matter.

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8. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P, Vijayawada shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B.RAJSEKHAR, IAS
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Engineer- in- Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
Sri V. Venkata Rao, former Dy.EE, PIUSD, Parvathipuram and E.E (FAC), PRI Division, Parvathiuram and retired as Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, Sabbavaram

Copy to:
The Secretary to VC, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The Accountant General, AP, Vijayawada.
The P.R. & R.D (Estt. I) Department.
OSD to Hon'ble Dy.C.M for PR&RD.,
PS to Spl. Chief Secretary to Govt., PR&RD. Dept.,,
SF/SC.

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